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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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6 " 4 per cent. "

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RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

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Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation.

Hongkong, September 4, 1870.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by Messrs KYNOH & CO., of WITTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, August 13, 1881. 1882.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

ON and after this Date the Undersigned Resumes his Duties as SECRETARY of the Company.

By Order of the Directors.

JAS. H. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 20, 1882. 1882.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed Agents for the MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, of Tokio, at this Port.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK DELIOS BUSH is Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this date, and Mr. GEORGE H. WHEELER is authorized to sign our Name.

RUSSELL & CO.

China, 1st January, 1882. ap18

To Let.

TO LET—FURNISHED.

N. 4, LOWER MOSQUE TERRACE, END HOUSE. Immediate Possession.

Apply to "A. B. C."

OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, March 13, 1882.

TO LET.

OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Nos. 4 and 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, March 24, 1882.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

GENUINE MADEIRA WINE, 1870, 822 per Dozen OLD SUPERIOR PORT (BASTARDOS), 815 per Dozen.

Apply to L. THEVENIN,

Hongkong Hotel Building.

Hongkong, March 21, 1882. ap21

FOR SALE.

J. L. M. M. & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE, Quarts, \$17 per Dozen Pints, \$15 per Dozen.

Apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

FOR SALE.

A. R. A. T. T. MAINZ DELICIOUS TABLE BEER, 4 doz. CASE CHAMPAGNE BOTTLES, 310.

Apply to SANDER & CO.

Hongkong, March 30, 1882.

FOR SALE.

MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S CELEBRATED BRANDS, THREBALL'S EXPORT PALE ALE, and FIREBALL'S *** DUBLIN STOUT in Pints and Quarts. Fine OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen.

Apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 13th April, 1882, at 2 p.m., on Board,

THE GERMAN BRIG "TARTAR."

Net Registered 250 Tons, built in 1866 of Oak and Iron, classed A 1 for 6 years from December 1878 in German Lloyd, and surveyed in THE DOCK in Hongkong 30 June 1881, as she now lies in this Harbour; with all her TACKS and APPAREL, &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the Purchase Money to be paid on fall of the hammer, the remainder upon Transfer being effected. The Vessel to be at Purchaser's Risk immediately after being knocked down.

Inventory can be seen at the Auctioneer's.

G. R. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 1, 1882. ap13

Auctions.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE ENGLISH, AMERICAN AND CANTON-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANO, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 6th April, 1882, at 2 p.m., at No. 30, Hollywood Road.

The whole of the

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising—

ENGLISH-MADE WALNUT-WOOD DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, PERSIAN PATTERN-COVERED; FINE COTTAGE PIANO, by SCHWACK; BLACKWOOD CARVED TABLE, HANDMADE GILT MIRRORS, LACE CURTAINS, BRUSHES and TAPESTRY, CARPETS, ENGLISH-MADE MAROQUIN MOCASSO-COVERED DINING-ROOM SUITE, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, TEAK SIDEBOARD, PLATED GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, &c., PAINTINGS, AMERICAN-MADE INLAID and CARVED WALNUT-BEDSTEAD, SPRING MATTRESS, AMERICAN-MADE WALNUT-BEDSTEAD, with DRESSING GLASS and AMERICAN-MADE WALNUT WASHSTAND, ENGLISH-MADE WALNUT DAYBED, OIL CLOTH, STAIN CARPETS, &c., SHANGHAI BATH, WARDROBE, ETC., ETC.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the Furniture will be on view on Wednesday next.

TERMS.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 30, 1882. ap16

Intimations.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE—1881, IN LIQUIDATION.

THE LIQUIDATORS having decided to PAY A FIRST DIVIDEND of \$500 per Share (being on account of Capital and Reserve Fund), Shareholders are hereby notified that the said Sum will be paid them on their holding their Share CERTIFICATES to the Undersigned for Endorsement.

F. B. JOHNSON, Liquidator.

E. F. ALFORD, Liquidator.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, 1881.

Hongkong, March 29, 1882.

NOTICE.

WE the Undersigned, beg to draw your attention to the fact that we were put into great trouble by the Chinese Customs Officers at Shanghai, and request that you will insert the following in the columns of your to-night's issue.

We embarked in the steamer Chincking of Messrs Siemssen & Co., from Shanghai for Hongkong on the 22nd inst., and brought with each of us our food for the voyage.

On coming on board, we met the Officers, who cut our parcels of the food, and finding it was rice, they seized it; we immediately brought the matter to the knowledge of the Captain of the ship, who came with Chief Mate and Compradores to advise them to give up the seizure, but in vain, and only five packages of rice were left to us, which was only sufficient for two days' supply to us (amounting to over one hundred mouthfuls). After the seizure had taken place, we went on shore intending to buy what rice we could get, but unfortunately it was night, and the shops were all shut. With this disappointment we went on board again to wait until next day to go on shore to buy, but the Captain insisted that he could not lose one hour to allow us to do so, and the steamer started.

After two days we actually finished all our provisions. Happily the Captain and Compradores were kind to us; they consulted together, and agreed to take the great trouble of sailing into Amoy, where we bought our food.

Fortunately during the whole voyage the weather was fine; otherwise if the vessel had encountered bad weather and had we then been detained on the voyage for any length of time, all on board certainly would have been starved.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE

CHRISTMAS STORES AND
NEW AND SEASONABLE
GOODS.EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.
MUSCATEL RAISINS.

METZ FRUIT.

ASSORTED COSAQUES.

GALLAND & BOWEN'S CONFECTIONERY.

BUTTER SCOTCH.

HONEY SCOTCH.

ROSE TOFFEE.

LEMON TOFFEE.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

PLUM PUDDINGS.

PATRAS CURRANTS.

VALENCIA RAISINS.

MACKINNON PEN.

LIVERMORE PEN.

LAWN TENNIS BATS.

LAWN TENNIS BALLS.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

EX STEAMER "Glenyside."

STILTON CHEESE.

YORK HAMS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

THE DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS AND RAISINS.

SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

FILBERTS.

COCONUTINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

LIBERIA'S & EPP'S COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

HUNTER'S PALMER'S BISCUITS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

CHOCOLATE—MENIER.

SAUSAGES.

BROWN.

SIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES—

HEDDICK'S MONOPOLE & WHITE

SEAL.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, " "

IREN GRAVES, " "

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACCO'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACCO'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1, 2 & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BISQUIT DUCROT & Co.'S BRANDY.

FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA.

BOKER'S & ORANGE BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and

SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &

J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE AND PORTER, by the

Gallon.

ALE AND PORTER, in hogsheads.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.

Fresh ROLL BUTTER.

Eastern and California CHEESE.

Boneless CODFISH.

Prime HAMS and BACON.

Russian CAVIARE.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.

PICKLED ON-TONGUES.

Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.

Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lbs cans.

Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lbs cans.

Cutting Desert FRUITS in 2½ lbs cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage

MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMFY TATHIN in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted

MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

" " Lanch TONGUE.

McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.

Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Great TURTLE in 2½ lbs cans.

&c., &c., &c.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lbs

tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BIS-

CUTS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed

BISCUITS,

Ginger CAKES.

* Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHRAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

BRYE MEAL.

SPECIALTY SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.

RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly

executed.

Hongkong, January 25, 1882.

Mails.



To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI
The Steamship "Peking," Captain DREWES, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 4th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMESSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 3, 1882.

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FOR SHANGHAI

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEW-CHANG, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSEKUO.)

The Steamship "Clyde," Captain F. G. GEORGE, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 4th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, April 3, 1882.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship DECCAN, Captain J. B. CHAPMAN, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port to LONDON, via BOMBAY, and ANCONA, VENICE, PLYMOUTH, and LONDON;

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, and AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK and BOSTON.

TAKING CARGO & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEW-CHANG, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSEKUO.)

The Steamship "Clyde," Captain F. G. GEORGE, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 4th Instant, at 3 p.m.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, April 3, 1882.

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FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

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The Steamship "Clyde," Captain F. G. GEORGE, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 4th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 3, 1882.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, PORT SAID, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS, NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

TAKING CARGO & Passengers TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

HIS EXCELENCY THE GOVERNOR

having been pleased under date of 11th February last, to grant ALEXANDER GRANBELL BEAUMA of Washington and THOMAS ALVA EDISON of New Jersey "LETTERS PATENT" for their TELEGRAPH INVENTION in this Colony, and the said Letters Patent are held by the above Company (their Agents), the Public of Hongkong are hereby notified that the above-named Company have granted the Sole right of Introducting or Selling or Making public use of the said two Patented INVENTIONS or any other TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENTS based upon or being an Improvement of their Invention.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, March 30, 1882.

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Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, March 30, 1882.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE CHINA MAIL.

tin to the best of our ability the good order and cleanliness we had succeeded in establishing during Sir Arthur Kennedy's administration, have caused his Excellency to formulate charges against us which it would have been better not to have made. Two of these charges I am compelled with reluctance to refer to here, because I notice they have been again, quite lately, reproduced with the view to justifying in your Lordship's sight the dismissal of Dr. Ayres from the post of Sanitary Inspector.

The first charge is, that either Dr. Ayres or I—or both of us, allowed a portion of the night soil from Victoria's Gull to escape through a sewer in the gaol yard; thereby endangering the health of the prisoners. I may briefly state, my Lord, that a charge of this kind cannot be made against us, and that Governor Hennessy is aware that it is against the gaol authorities he should properly prefer it, for it is the gaol authorities who solely and exclusively attend to the cleanliness of the establishment. Had they let Dr. Ayres know that they allowed a portion of the waste matter to escape by the sewer, I have no doubt he would have advised them to discontinue the practice, and the truth of the matter is, the gaol authorities who keep the promise in scrupulously clean order, so simply diluted the waste matter thus escaping by the sewer, and followed the escape by such an ample flood of clean water, that in reality no nuisance whatsoever was created by them to affect the health of the prisoners. Moreover, the sewer happens to be thoroughly well trapped, so that no escape of gas is possible into the gaol yard. Any person, however, unacquainted with these circumstances, and going only by the language in which the Governor's charge is couched, would be apt to receive an unduly magnified impression of the alleged evil. It is therefore as well to rectify that impression by mentioning the whole truth.

Another charge preferred against Dr. Ayres and myself, and which I believe advanced as an additional reason why he should be dismissed from the Sanitary Inspectorate, is that we have jointly advocated the introduction of water-closets into the colony. I need scarcely say, my Lord, that there is not the slightest ground for this allegation, and that it obtains no credence in Hongkong, where our views are only too well known to the public. It happens that both the Colonial Surgeon and myself, making use of our common sense, are and ever have been, the most active opponents of the water-closet system of conveyance for a town like Hongkong, the sewers of which are so imperfectly supplied with water. I am the first Surveyor General of Hongkong who has systematically declined to grant permits for the creation of water-closets in any new houses; and in this course of action I have received the Colonial Surgeon's entire support. Hoping to strengthen his accusation against us, Governor Hennessy reproduces and publishes some old regulations I made in 1873 for the protection of the water-supply in houses having water-closets, and his Excellency thinks these regulations prove that I contemplated the introduction of a water-closet system of sewerage. The regulations in question, however, as his Excellency well knows, for I have had to disabuse his mind on the subject more than once, merely refer to those houses where I found water-closets already in existence, water-closets which having been officially allowed by my predecessors, could not well or legally be ordered to be removed by me, and in respect of which therefore it became necessary to devise rules for the safety from contamination or pollution of the water supply. The rules (see Appendix B), did not in any way contemplate the encouragement of water-closets all over the town as the Governor desires to make out, and I have to protest against so strained and far-fetched an interpretation of the rules on the part of his Excellency.

His Excellency also thinks he perceives an intention on my part to introduce the water-closet system of conveyance, in the following passage, which he quotes from my printed Water Supply Report of 1873—“Our markets, slaughter-houses, and public latrines all require water in its greatest plenitude to remove as expeditiously as possible all noxious and decomposing matters which at present vitiate the surrounding atmosphere.” His Excellency having made the foregoing passage the subject of a public charge, in which he implicates Dr. Ayres with myself as an additional justification of that officer's suspension from the post of Sanitary Inspector, it is necessary I should explain that the passage in question simply pleads for an increased use of water in the scrubbing and washing down of the begrimed walls and floors of our markets, slaughterhouses, and public latrines, and that it does not plead for the introduction of water-closets as alleged by Governor Hennessy.

But as Dr. Ayres and myself are active opponents of the water-closet system of conveyance in a town which has so little water in its sewers, we certainly make one exception, and that is in the case of the Hongkong Civil Hospital, which is furnished with a special water-supply of its own on a most generous scale. Both Dr. Ayres and myself are of opinion that in a hospital close, the first consideration is the instant removal of excreta matter, every time the close is made use of, and we deem that this can only be effectually done by water-closet. Therefore, we say the only proper convenience for a hospital is a water-closet, well ventilated, well trapped, and with abundant water-flushing power. For the Hongkong Hospital I had designed a special and properly-ventilated glazed stone-ware drain-pipe leading down to the sea, without any openings or house communications along the way. The gradient is a steep one, and with proper ventilation at the head of the pipe, and a tide valve at the bottom or outlet, absolute freedom from sewer gas or bad smells may be secured.

Quite recently one of the highest, if not the very highest, sanitary authority in England, whom I had the honour to meet at the Medical Congress, during the course of a con versation we had on the subject of hospital conveyance, remarked that “only a madman would seek to introduce the dry-earth system within the walls of a hospital in preference to water-closets, provided there were an ample supply of water available.” This happens to be the view Dr. Ayres and myself have taken in respect of the system to be followed at the hospital in Hongkong, and it will be intelligible to any undisciplined person, because the only other alternative, i.e., the dry-earth system, may deodorize, but it cannot disinfect, infectious stools. The mere absence of smell does not mean that the cause of infection has been removed. Under the dry-earth system, an accumulation of fecal matter, although without smell, has to remain for hours in contact with the surrounding air, disseminating the seeds of possible infection. Governor Hennessy, however, apparently under the impression that deodorization means disinfection, insists on forcing the dry-earth system on Dr. Ayres at the Hongkong Hospital, and the Colonial Surgeon's inability to accept the soundness of the Governor's views, however promptly, he may be compelled to obey an Executive mandate, forms one more subject of complaint on the part of his Excellency.

I have drawn aside the curtain sufficiently to enable your Lordship to see a most lamentable picture, and I trust your Lordship, after a perusal of the disclosures, will

see the necessity of inquiring into and abating the evils I have disclosed. During the last year of Sir Arthur Kennedy's administration, the town had the reputation of being the cleanest in the East, and there is no reason why it should not regain its old reputation.

The filthy condition of the cities and villages of Southern China, sickening and revolting beyond all power of language to describe, arising out of a combination of ignorance and neglect on the part of the authorities, and objectionable personal habits on the part of the people, should surely demonstrate that in a British colony like Hongkong, with so many European lives to be jeopardized, it is not to a guild for native traders that the Executive should apply for its sanitary maxims. I cannot but think the wishes of your Lordship would be more correctly interpreted by Governor Hennessy seeking, in preference, the counsel and assistance of the proper professional officers provided for the purpose by Her Majesty's Government, and who by their experience and technical training are likely to be better acquainted with the principles of public hygiene than the Reverend Dr. Etel and the Chinese, at present the only persons consulted.

The subjects of inquiry which I will earnestly urge on your Lordship, in addition to that specified in paragraph 6 of this letter, are the following:

(i.) The causes of the disputed action of the higher sanitary officers of the *Perambuco*, and the relaxed surveillance of the Nuisance Inspectors.

(ii.) The spread of insanitary human habitations by rich Chinese landlords.

(iii.) The impolicy of officially encouraging foul house-drains.

(iv.) The necessity for an increased public water-supply for domestic use and for the increased dilution of the sewage.

I have been long aware that an efficient scheme of sanitation for Hongkong cannot be arrived at without fresh legislation, owing to the present disjointed and somewhat contradictory scraps of sanitary law contained in the Ordinances of the Colony, and having given the subject some years' study and attention in conjunction with the Colonial Surgeon, I would have proposed a new Local Health Act to Governor Hennessy had I been able to entertain the hope that his Excellency would consider proposals of any kind emanating from myself. But should a Colonial Office inquiry into Hongkong sanitary matters satisfy your Lordship that fresh legislation is necessary, I beg, in my capacity of Surveyor General and as a sanitary engineer of some years' standing, to offer your Lordship my services in pointing out the more important errors and omissions of the present very imperfect local Ordinances, and the extensions and amendments which I think it will be desirable to introduce.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

(Per E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

INDESTITUTION OF PRINCE LEOPOLD.

LONDON, April 1.

The Prince Leopold is indisposed, and his marriage will probably be postponed.

THE QUESTION OF ARREARS OF RENT IN IRELAND.

LONDON, April 1.

The Promisor, in reply to a question, said that he would consider the matter of arrears of rent in Ireland during the recess.

THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT RACE.

LONDON, April 1.

Oxford won by several lengths.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE JONATHAN BOURNE came out of Aberdeen Dock yesterday, and the S. S. STEUZ undocked at the same place to-day.

It is noticed that Mr. James Russell resumed his duties of Colonial Treasurer, and assumed the duties of Registrar General on the 13th instant.

His Excellency the Administrator has been pleased to appoint, provisionally, Captain H. G. Thomsett, R.N., to be Acting Police Magistrate.

His Excellency the Administrator has been pleased to recognize, provisionally and until further notice, Mr. Rudolph Buschmann as in charge of the Netherlands Consulate at this port.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) inform us that the O. S. S. Co.'s Steamer Anchises, from Liverpool, left Singapore yesterday afternoon for this port and Shanghai.

THE French man-of-war *Ville*, Captain M. Dewatrio, arrived from Shanghai this morning, and exchanged salutes with the Port, Rear-Admiral Sullivan, and Commander von Blane of the *Stock*.

The English mail will, during the summer months, according to present arrangement, leave at daylight on Wednesday, but the hours fixed will obviate night work. The posting with late fee will be from 5.10 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and the supplementary mail will be closed at 9.30 p.m.

A BAZAAR in behalf of the orphans at the Italian Convent, Caine Road, is to be held on Monday, the 10th April, at two o'clock in the afternoon. It is to be hoped that the many friends of the Italian Sisters of Charity will gather in strong force on the occasion to help on the good work being done.

The Registrar-General's department seems to be awakening from the moribund condition in which it has so long lain; and under the rule of the gentleman who now holds the reins of office, many important reforms may be looked for. A step in the right direction has been taken by the appointment of Mr. C. Wassehus, Assistant Engineer of the Fire Brigade, as Inspector of the Jimrikias and Chair Traffic of the Colony. We may now expect to see something like order where all was chaos.

We have seen letters from Peking dated 20th March, and from Tientsin dated the 22nd. The opinion of most foreign residents in the two northern cities was that the chances were apparently very unfavourable for the *Waiping* minor, and that there are grave reasons for expecting that the coal-pits would be closed by Imperial edict. If the opinions we give are confirmed, grievous injury will be done to the numerous shareholders. The *North-China Daily News* confirms our own report.

In the annual struggle between the Universities, the Dark Blues have again walked off with the honours, thus reaching their twenty-first victory against the seventeenth for Cambridge. The *Straits Times* says:—“The Colonial Government, we learn, received a telegram this morning (25th) from the British Consul at Manila to the effect that the Captain General of the Philippine Islands had handed over to him the three English Engineers from board the steamer *Leon XIII.* This information was at once communicated by H. E. the Governor to the Chief Justice, and His Honor the *Waiping* liberalized the Captain of the *Leon XIII.* at noon to-day. The S. S. *Leon XIII.* was timed to arrive at Manila yesterday (24th) afternoon, so the deliverance of the men to the English Consul must have taken place at once on her arrival. We cannot but rejoice at the good sense and prompt action which the Captain General appears to have displayed in this matter. Mr. Wardrop and his Second and Third Engineers may be expected here, we are informed, by the next steamer from Manila, unless they go on to Hongkong by one or other of the English men-of-war.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM HYDE, Commander of the *Perambuco*, died at the Government Civil Hospital on Saturday evening, and was buried in the Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. Captain Hyde received a stroke of paralysis on the 24th of March while on a voyage from Saigon to this port, and immediately on arrival was removed to hospital, where he was tended in the most careful manner, but without avail, as he never rallied. The deceased Captain was greatly esteemed by all those with whom he came in contact, and, though of a retiring nature, ingratiated himself with all his associates. Those who knew him well will feel greatly grieved at his premature death.

We have acknowledged receipt of the Second Instalment of the *Mémoires concernant L'histoire Naturelle de l'Empire Chinois*, by the Father of the Company of Jesus at Shanghai. The instalment in question embraces Pédro Heude's Notes on land shells found in the valley of the Blue River. The letterpress is given in Latin and in French, and like Pédro Heude's previous works, are marvels of conciseness and clearness. The plates are very finely lithographed and printed. Indeed the work comes out in the form of an *édition de luxe*, and reflects the greatest credit on the Printing House Authorities of the Catholic Mission Orphanage at Tou-sé-wé. We may mention that this work has been partially prepared for foreign residents in China, whom the author invites to verify his researches, to increase the number of specimens, and to make new discoveries of their own.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—Referring to your paragraph about the porcine-alcoholic experiments, now being conducted in Holland, Dr. Richardson, the scientific advocate of temperance, has already anticipated the Hague experimentalists. He mentions in a contribution to the *Journal* of Medicine in 1878, an instance of a felino drunkard dying of “cirrhosis of the liver.” Examples are there furnished as to how dumb creation may learn to enjoy (?) drink equally with man. He particularly instances a pettigree which required a liking and craving for aromatic vapors, and would walk into his laboratory in order to gratify the same.

THE Shanghai *Advertiser* says:—Messrs. Boyd and Co.'s lower dock, which is the largest in Shanghai, has just met with an accident which will probably interfere for a time with the general working of the establishment. It appears that a leakage has taken place which will occupy some time to repair.

We hear that the *barque* *Chin-é* and a brig, which were in dock, were partially filled with water. Eventually, to save the dock from being destroyed, the water was let in to the extent of 12 feet, and this quantity was deemed sufficient for the safety of the place. It is not accurately known whether the leak is in the cofferdam, or that the water works up from underneath.

DESTRUCTION OF A VEGETABLE GARDEN.

KLIAU HUNG Shun and Chang Hing, traders, were charged with being in possession of about 13 taels of prepared opium on the 1st instant, without having a permit from the Opium Farmer.

Constable James Forster visited the house, No. 95, Second Street, and, after search, found two earthenware pots and two opium boxes, containing about ten taels of opium, one pot of opium drops, one pot of opium water, one pair of scales, a tray and a basin pan and steamer in the possession of the first defendant. Several articles of the same description were found in possession of the second defendant in the same room.

The defendants admitted the charge, and were fined \$200, or six weeks' imprisonment each, and if the fine was paid, the penalty to a hundred to the holder of the exclusive privilege. The opium was ordered to be forfeited and given to the Opium Farmers.

STEALING COPPER NAILS.

CHAN YAU was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour for having stolen 7 lbs. of copper nails from the American ship *Jonathan Bourne*, at Aberdeen Docks on the 1st instant.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

John Berry, an unemployed seaman, after being convicted of beggary from house to house in Upper Lascar Row, and also from people on the street while under the influence of liquor on the 26th instant, was sentenced to three months' hard labour. He denied ever having been in gaol, although he had been on three previous occasions imprisoned. Berry is a Russian Finlander and came to Hongkong in March of last year, and when apprehended was without a fixed place of abode, and without visible means of subsistence.

OFFENDER AGAINST THE OPIUM RULES.

SEVEN YEARS.

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The Attorney General applied for costs.

Mr. Mackean asked for the postponement of the consideration of the question of costs until after the proceedings of the trial.

Their Lordships, however, granted costs in favour of the appellants.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before the Full Court.)

MONDAY, April 3.

LAI WING CHONG AND OTHERS v. NO CHOY SIK.

THIS morning their Lordships gave judgment on an appeal heard before the full court last Wednesday.

The Attorney General (the Hon. E. L. O'Malley), instructed by Messrs. Sharp, Toller and Johnson, appealed for the defendant.

Mr. Mackean appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. Sander & Co. for the defendant.

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approved by him. Printed Circulars may
be inserted in such Pattern.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that
there is no such thing as Parcel Post to
Europe, &c. Much trouble and dis-
appointment are caused by persistent attempts
to send small valuable trifles through the
Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress,
Fancy Work, and similar presents are con-
tinually being refused, the sender having
often spent more in Postage than that
would have paid the freight by steamer. No
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value of Stamps obliterated before the
nature of the contents was discovered.

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thing that, as a general rule, is liable to
theft.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending
of Patterns of suitable articles, unless the
quantity sent be so small as to make the
value of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as
follows:

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Patterns— to British Offices, 5 lbs. if with-
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in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the
Postmaster General of Hongkong imme-
diately the loss was discovered, the envelope
being invariably forwarded with such applica-
tion unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satis-
fied that the loss occurred whilst the corre-
spondence was in the custody of the British
Postal administration in China, that it was
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sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck,
nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any
person not in the employment of the
Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere
damage to fragile articles such as portraits,
watches, handkerchiefs, bound books, &c.,
which reach their destination, although in
a broken or deteriorated condition.

6. All correspondence posted before 5
p.m. on any week day for addresses in
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and generally within two hours, unless the
delivery should be retarded by the Contract
Mail.

7. Invitations, &c., can generally be
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houses of the addressees, rather than at
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